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SUSPECT: Lacrosse player Collin Finnerty, right, waits with his father for his court appearance Tuesday.

Two Duke Players Booked

DURHAM, N.C. | Two Duke University lacrosse players were arrested on rape charges Tuesday in a scandal that has rocked one of America's elite campuses and raised explosive questions of race, class and the privileged status of college athletes.

The two players were promptly booked and released on bail. District Attorney Mike Nifong said a third player could also be arrested but has yet to be firmly identified.

Lawyers for the two men bitterly assailed the district attorney for bringing the charges. Other attorneys for Duke's lacrosse players said the two were not even present at the time the rape is alleged to have occurred.

Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., are accused of attacking a stripper at a team party at an off-campus house on the night of March 13. They were charged with first-degree rape, sexual offense and kidnapping and were released on \$400,000 bail each.

The district attorney would not say what evidence led to the charges. But Seligmann's attorney, Kirk Osborn, said: "Apparently it was a photographic identification. And we all know how reliable that is." (AP)

♦ **Life of privilege:** Suspects in Duke rape case are prep-school grads from wealthy families. | Page 4



Top Nats Bidders Team Up

Kasten joins Lerner family as ownership decision nears

WASHINGTON | Atlanta sports executive Stan Kasten has joined the family of Theodore "Ted" Lerner in a bid to purchase the Washington Nationals, sources said, boosting the Lerners' chances in what baseball insiders believe is a three-way race to buy the team for \$450 million.

Kasten would become the Washington Nationals' president and would own an interest in the franchise under the agreement he struck with the Lerners, according to sources familiar with the process. Kasten, who until recently had headed his own group of investors, may bring some minority partners with him, which would contribute to the diversity of the Lerner group, sources said.



Kasten

Kasten, who for 17 years was president of the Atlanta Braves, and the Lerners both declined comment.

Commissioner of Baseball Bud Selig is expected to select a new owner from among eight bidders in the next several days, and baseball insiders believe the race is between the Lerners; a group of investors led by Washington businessmen Fred Malek and Jeffrey Zients; and Indianapolis media executive Jeff Smulyan, who leads a group of Washington-area investors.

Baseball's 29 owners bought the Nationals, then known as the Montreal Expos, in 2002 for \$120 million. THOMAS HEATH (THE WASHINGTON POST)



saw him riding with it. The driver parked the bus and called his superiors, who confirmed that paint was classified as a "hazardous article" and Heale had to leave. A local business owner who saw Heale gave him a ride home. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

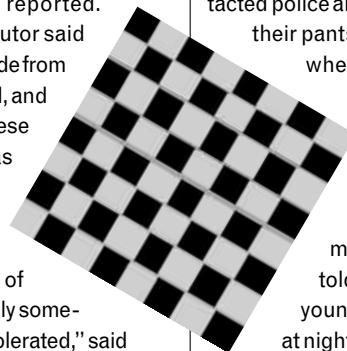
SAFETY | Brush to Judgment A Cardiff, Wales, man was kicked off a bus into the rain for carrying a can of paint, the Sun reported. Brian Heale bought the paint for a home project, but was told it broke health and safety regulations when the bus driver

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RECYCLING

These Checkers Ain't For Squares

Winn Dixie grocery stores have pulled a checkers game off the shelves after customers found racy pictures on the board, WFTV-TV reported. The game's distributor said the boards were made from recycled cardboard, and workers at the Chinese factory where it was made didn't notice the previous image still on the board. "It's the kind of oversight that is really something that can't be tolerated," said John Finn of Deland, Fla., who bought the game—supposedly for ages 6 and up—for his grandson, adding, "We were really upset." The distributor said the factory workers will stop using recycled cardboard. (EXPRESS)



TACIT APPROVAL

Good Night, Moon

A Mims, Fla., woman was arrested after two children in her care were caught mooning cars passing on a road, WKMG-TV reported. Motorists contacted police about two girls dropping their pants to cars going by, and, when the officers showed up, the children told them Teresa Lynn Shoultz said the behavior was "OK." "They asked me if I ever mooned anyone before. I told them I had when I was younger ... I told them I did it at night," Shoultz said, adding that she did not tell the children to moon cars and that the children snuck out of the house. Police decided the kids could have been hurt while standing by the road and charged Shoultz with child abuse. (EXPRESS)



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Feet the Fish

You've tried creams, bodywashes, exfoliators, laser and chemical peels—now, try feeding your dead, bacteria-ridden skin to hungry marine life. Garra rufa, also known as "doctor fish," picked the dead skin from a visitor's feet at Hakone Hotel Kowakien on Tuesday in Hakone, Japan. A thousand garra rufa—an omnivorous fish that lives in areas with hot springs in Turkey—swim in this hotel's hotbath, picking the dead skin off of people. Some say the fish also help to cure skin diseases. (EXPRESS)



Backhoes: Good for dislodging big, heavy ATMs, bad for getaway vehicles.

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Remember: Don't Arouse Suspicion

A Kansas City, Kan., man who tried to steal an ATM with a backhoe was arrested after he jumped into the Kansas River, police said. Police said the man used the backhoe to break into a convenience store, then tried to drive away with the ATM. As the man tried to flee, the machine and 12 packs of soda fell from the backhoe, police said. Police followed the man as he took the backhoe through a wooded area before fleeing on foot to the river. (AP)

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BATTLEFIELD: PLANET: Al Gore has a major campaign under way to change policies on global warming. The 2000 Democratic presidential nominee plans to release a book and movie next month to raise awareness about the planet.



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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Rumsfeld Won't Testify in Abu Ghraib Torture Case

A military judge Tuesday allowed defense lawyers to call a general to testify at a court martial in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, but the judge barred the defense from summoning Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, would become the highest-ranking military officer to testify in an Abu Ghraib case. (AP)

PHOENIX

Governor Vetoes Criminal Immigrant Ballot Proposal

Gov. Janet Napolitano vetoed a bill that would have criminalized the presence of illegal immigrants in Arizona, citing opposition from police agencies that want immigration arrests to remain the responsibility of the federal government. The proposal would have expanded the state's trespassing law to let local authorities arrest illegal immigrants anywhere in the state. (AP)

PURCELL, OKLA.

Judge Imposes Gag Order in 'Cannibalism' Slaying Case

An Oklahoma judge issued a gag order Tuesday to stop what defense attorneys called inflammatory statements about the slaying of a 10-year-old girl, whom prosecutors say was killed by a man who wanted to eat her flesh. Special District Judge Gary Barger ordered attorneys, investigators and police from talking publicly about the case. (AP)

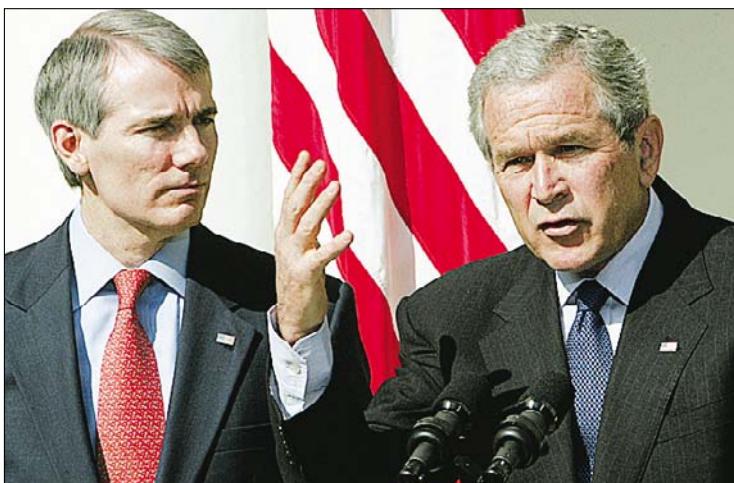
Bush Taps Porter as Budget Chief

President vows more staff changes, rejects calls to fire Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON | Under pressure to revitalize his administration, President Bush reshuffled his economic team Tuesday with a new budget chief who is highly regarded on Capitol Hill and promised more changes were coming. He also named a new trade representative.

Bush chose Rob Portman, a former six-term Republican congressman from Ohio who now serves as trade representative, to head the Office of Management and Budget, putting him at the heart of White House decision-making.

Hailed by Democrats and Republicans alike, Portman's nomination may help calm GOP anxieties about administration missteps. Portman is a close friend of Bush's and has a reputation as a skilled



RONEDMOND/SIAP

IN WITH THE NEW: President Bush names Trade Representative Rob Portman, left, as the new White House budget director at a press conference on Tuesday.

communicator about the economy, which will be a central theme for the November congressional elections.

Announcing the changes during a Rose Garden ceremony, Bush made clear that Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld's job was safe, despite calls for Rumsfeld's resignation from a half dozen retired military commanders.

"I hear the voices and I read the front page and I know the speculation," the president said testily. "But

White House Overhaul

With polls showing Bush and his policies at record low approval levels, Bush is in what aides describe as a the middle of a White House overhaul | **Today, A Section**

IN **The Washington Post**

I'm the decider and I decide what's best. And what's best is for Don Rumsfeld to remain as the secretary of defense."

Rumsfeld, at a Pentagon news conference later in the day, said he hasn't considered resigning. "The president knows, as I know, there are no indispensable men. ... He knows that I serve at his pleasure, and that's that."

Tuesday's changes were set in motion by the promotion of Joshua Bolten as Bush's chief of staff from his old job as budget director. Bush said Bolten has a mandate to shake things up. **TERENCE HUNT (AP)**

Lawmakers to Probe 'No Child' Scores

WASHINGTON | Congressional leaders and a former Bush Cabinet member said Tuesday that schools should stop excluding large numbers of minority students' test scores when they report progress under the No Child Left Behind law.

The Associated Press reported Monday that schools have gotten federal permission to deliberately not count the test scores of nearly 2 million students when they

report academic progress by race as required by the law. The scores excluded were overwhelmingly from minorities, the AP found.

Some leaders said Congress may need to intervene. Lawmakers who helped pass the law in 2001 said the system that allows states to get exemptions to exclude large numbers of test scores from the required racial categories needs to be addressed. (AP)

Iowa Reports 815 Cases of Mumps

DES MOINES, IOWA | The number of reported cases of mumps this year has climbed to 815 in Iowa, the state at the center of the nation's biggest epidemic in almost two decades.

Iowa's caseload jumped more than 200 in the past week, though some of the increase consisted of older cases that had been stuck in a backlog of paperwork, the Iowa

Department of Public Health said Tuesday.

The epidemic has hit nine states. Nebraska has reported 110 mumps cases. Cases have also been reported in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota, but no deaths have been reported.

It is the nation's biggest mumps epidemic since 269 cases were reported in Kansas in 1988-89, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (AP)

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Moussaoui 'Schizophrenic'

Defense psychologist calls 9/11 conspirator's behavior abnormal

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | The defense portrayed Zacarias Moussaoui as a delusional psychotic Tuesday who reversed tactics and strategy constantly, while a prosecutor pointed out how well the confessed Sept. 11 conspirator has controlled his behavior under the stress of being on trial for his life.

Moussaoui himself best captured the day in one of his shouted comments on leaving court for

a break: "Crazy or not crazy? That is the question."

Defense attorney Gerald Zerkin set the day on a course few juries have seen: He opened the defense team's files to show how they concluded their own client cannot be believed.

Struggling to save Moussaoui's life, they claim he twice testified falsely to a greater role than he had in the Sept. 11, 2001, al Qaeda



Moussaoui

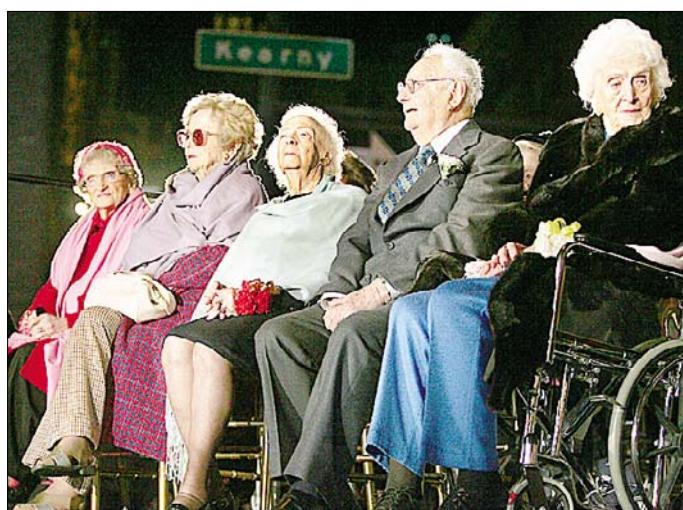
attacks in hope of achieving martyrdom through execution.

Moussaoui has claimed the court-appointed defense lawyers are plotting to kill him.

The vehicle for both lawyers was the questioning of defense psychologist Xavier Amador, who diagnosed the 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent as a paranoid schizophrenic after observing his actions and writings since 2002. Zerkin led him through a listing of Moussaoui's erratic, often contradictory behavior and strongly held paranoid and delusional beliefs.

MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN (AP)

CALIFORNIA | SURVIVORS MARK QUAKE CENTENNIAL



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REMEMBERED: San Francisco earthquake survivors, from left, Frances Duffy, Olive Carroll, Violet Lyman, Herb Hamrol, and Chrisse Marten Stein, gather in San Francisco, to commemorate the 100-year anniversary.

Man Pardoned 50 Years After Court-Martial

WASHINGTON | Court-martialed a half-century ago over \$50, George Anderson Glenn was among 11 people pardoned Tuesday by President Bush.

Glenn was a 19-year-old Army private when he accepted the money to ride herd on a shipment of goods destined for the black market in South Korea.

Bush has issued 82 pardons and sentence commutations during 63 months in office, mainly to allow people who committed relatively minor offenses and served their sentences long ago to clear their names. (AP)

Duke Suspects Come From Money

Students accused in lacrosse rape case share privileged background

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. | They grew up in privileged surroundings in the suburbs of New York City.

Collin Finnerty of Long Island and Reade Seligmann of New Jersey both come from a world of golf courses and multimillion-dollar homes and were educated at exclusive all-boys Catholic prep schools.

Their paths merged after the high school lacrosse stars won admis-



Seligmann

Finnerty

sion to Duke University, and continued their athletic and academic

careers.

On Tuesday, the 19-year-old Finnerty and 20-year-old Seligmann stood as co-defendants, accused of raping a stripper at an off-campus party in Durham, North Carolina.

Defenders quickly came forward at both of their high schools. Finnerty was described as a good student and athlete who was never in any trouble, while Seligmann was remembered as a kid incapable of committing such a heinous act.

FRANK ELTMAN (AP)



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The average bank fee for a bounced check, the second-highest amount ever, a new study says. A survey of 248 banks showed ATM fees have also risen to an average of \$1.60.

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REACHING OUT: Chinese President Hu Jintao greets supporters after his arrival at Paine Field, in Everett, Wash., on Tuesday.

Hu in U.S. for Trade Talks

Chinese leader visits with business leaders before Bush summit

SEATTLE | Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived in the Seattle area Tuesday for talks with business leaders before he heads to Washington to meet political leaders worried about China's muscular stance in trade, energy and currency policy.

Hu planned to meet with Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill

Gates and other business leaders, and tour a Boeing Co. commercial jet plant on Wednesday.

Hu has set an ambitious mission for his four-day U.S. tour. It comes at a time of unease among American businesses and political leaders and the public about how China is using its new power.

His summit Thursday with President Bush will cover a broad agenda, from China's much criticized currency and other trade policies, to its aggressive search for oil and its

stance toward nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea.

The visit comes as Redmond-based Microsoft, after years of battling widespread software piracy in China, is hopeful that things are changing. Chinese government officials say they are serious about cracking down on sales of illegal copies of Microsoft's Windows operating system, and some computer makers are pledging to ship more computers with legitimate Windows software installed.

ALLISON LINN (AP)

Cops Shoot at Suspect In Boston SUV Crash

Man wounded after driving on sidewalk in stolen vehicle

BOSTON | Police shot a man who fled a traffic stop in a stolen sport utility vehicle and smashed into several cars downtown, including one containing four police officers, authorities said.

The driver was hit in the stomach and taken to Massachusetts General Hospital, said Boston Police Superintendent Robert Dunford. He said the four officers were examined at a hospital, and "They're fine."

The suspect, whose name was not immediately released, had fled



Investigators check the scene of a shooting in Boston's Chinatown.

a traffic stop a few blocks away before driving over a sidewalk and heading the wrong way on a one-way street, police said. He was shot around noon just outside a Registry of Motor Vehicles office and a subway station. (AP)

At Least 4 Dead After Workplace Rampage in Mo.

ST. LOUIS | A man killed his estranged wife Tuesday, then went to the catering company where he once worked and fatally shot two women and himself, police said.

Two other women were also shot at Finninger's Catering Service and were taken to a hospital, police said. Their conditions were not immediately known.

One of the women killed was an owner of the business, Cleo Finninger, and the other was the victim's adult daughter, police said. The shooter killed himself in the parking lot.

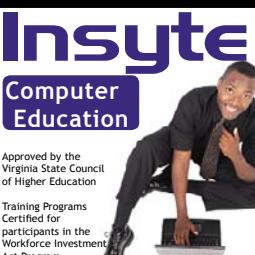
Details on the shooting of the estranged wife were unavailable, as was the gunman's name. (AP)

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FAMILY CIRCLE: The granddaughter of Italian wartime dictator Benito Mussolini said Tuesday she will be a candidate for mayor of Rome in May elections. Alessandra Mussolini ran unsuccessfully in recent parliamentary elections with a small right-wing party.

World

In Brief

BISTRIT, ROMANIA

Evacuations Weighed as Danube Hits Record Levels

The Danube surged to record levels in parts of Romania and Bulgaria on Tuesday, threatening to spill into more villages as troops and civilians struggled to reinforce dikes and authorities warned that 10,000 people might have to evacuate. Soldiers in trucks and villagers with horse-drawn carts hauled in sandbags to pile against a cracking dike in this southern town, where thousands of people faced having to flee their homes. (AP)



Residents of Katmandu, Nepal, line up to purchase kerosene oil on Tuesday.

KATMANDU, NEPAL

Supply Convoys Reach City Racked by Strikes, Protests

Armored military vehicles escorted a convoy carrying badly needed salt, bananas, potatoes and onions to Katmandu on Tuesday — the capital's first supplies since a general strike and protests against the king emptied Nepal's highways nearly two weeks ago. Diplomats worked to defuse the crisis that broke out on April 6 when an opposition alliance launched a general strike to demand King Gyanendra restore democracy. (AP)

KHARTOUM, SUDAN

Avian Flu Found in Sudan, Thousands of Birds Culled

The lethal strain of bird flu has arrived in Sudan, infecting one man and causing the slaughter of thousands of poultry birds, officials said Tuesday. The H5N1 strain of avian influenza has been detected in the capital and in central Sudan, authorities said. Tens of thousands of birds have been destroyed, local media said. (AP)

Iraqis Fleeing Homes Over Threats

Sectarian tensions driving Shiites out of religiously mixed area

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The man strapping the air conditioner to the top of a taxi paused to explain: His family was packing up and fleeing their Baghdad neighborhood because of threats against Shiites.

"We are leaving because we are scared," he said, too afraid to give his name. "This is a dangerous area."

Full-scale civil war may not have broken out in Iraq, but startling signs of sectarian hatred are evident along several streets in the religiously mixed Dora neighborhood.

While Shiite families leave Dora, Sunni politician Adnan al-Dulaimi is accusing government forces and Shiite militias of "ethnic cleansing" against Sunni communities — including in Azamiyah, where residents clashed Tuesday with Iraqi forces they feared were clearing the way for Shiite death squads.

In Dora these days, rows of homes sit empty and abandoned. The streets show signs of desperate attempts to craft barriers from palm tree trunks and rusty washing machines. And there are countless crude threats scrawled in black spray paint.



MOVING OUT: U.S. troops talk with a Shiite family as they load their belongings into a taxi in the Dora neighborhood of Baghdad.

In the western part of Dora, once a bustling community of about 500,000 Sunnis, Shiites and Christians with a Sunni majority, more than 100 Shiite residents have recently fled one small neighborhood, according to U.S. soldiers.

Elsewhere across the country, Iraqi officials estimate tens of thousands have been displaced — the majority of them Shiites, but also Sunnis and Christians who have left mixed areas for the relative safety of communities dominated by Iraqis

from their sect.

The sectarian fighting has handed American troops in Dora a mission different from simply hunting down the insurgents. Now, they count the number of abandoned homes and search for those trying to foment civil strife.

Some U.S. commanders say Iraqi troops can better contain sectarian violence. But U.S. soldiers acknowledge that many Iraqis distrust the Interior Ministry forces. Until a recent influx of Sunni recruits,

the Iraqi forces in this area were 97 percent Shiite and allegedly operated death squads targeting Sunnis.

The Americans say they struggle to persuade residents to help them find militants, and the dearth of such tips has left many soldiers frustrated.

"If they don't want my help, and they keep hiding stuff, either way I'm going home with my men," Staff Sgt. Feliciano Cruz said.

ANTONIO CASTANEDA (AP)

Iran Sanctions Weighed at Talks

MOSCOW | A U.S. diplomat said Tuesday that envoys from the five permanent Security Council members plus Germany discussed sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program, but failed to reach agreement on how to proceed further.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns told The Associated Press following nearly three hours of talks that diplomats recognized the

"need for a stiff response to Iran's flagrant violations of its international responsibilities."

Burns, speaking in Moscow, said sanctions had been discussed during the meeting hosted by Russia but indicated that further talks would be needed.

In Tehran, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad remained defiant, warning Tuesday that Iran will "cut off the hand of any aggressor" that threatens it and insisting that its military has the most modern technology. (AP)



TOP SHELF: A Chinese entrepreneur paid \$20 million at an auction for an eighth century white porcelain vase made during the 960-1279 Song dynasty, a new record for antiquities in China, state television and the auction house said Tuesday. The sale highlighted the soaring prices that newly rich Chinese collectors are paying for cultural relics at home and abroad. (AP)

Germany Agrees to Open Holocaust Files

WASHINGTON | After decades of holding back, Germany took a major step Tuesday toward opening Nazi records on 17 million Jews, slave laborers and other Holocaust victims to historians and relatives long anxious for conclusive information about their fate.

Germany pledged to work with the U.S. to ensure the opening of the archives, which are housed in the German town Bad Arolsen. Eleven nations oversee the 30 million to 50 million documents and are to meet in Luxembourg next month

to consider amending a 1955 treaty that has, effectively, limited access and copying.

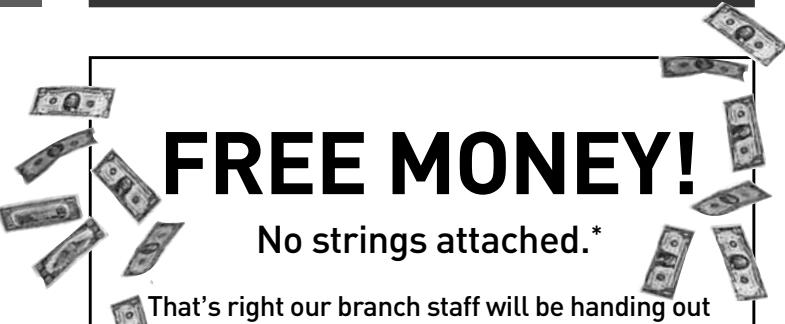
At a news conference Tuesday at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, German Justice Minister Brigitte Zypries said her country would work with the U.S. on opening the archives. Until now, Germany has resisted, citing privacy concerns.

The announcement by Zypries culminated a 20-year effort by the Holocaust Museum, the U.S., France, Poland and other countries to pry the archives open. (AP)

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World



President Robert Mugabe takes part in Independence Day festivities in Harare.

Mugabe Warns Critics

Zimbabwean threatens 'full wrath' of law after call for street protests

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | President Robert Mugabe threatened in a speech Tuesday to bring down "the full wrath of the law" against anyone who disturbs Zimbabwean peace and stability.

The threat follows calls by the country's main opposition leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, for street protests to topple Mugabe's 26-year rule.

"Anyone who dares go against the law, ... dares lead any group of persons to embark on a campaign of violence or terrorist activity, will be inviting the full wrath of the law to descend mercilessly on him and on those who follow him," Mugabe, 82, said in a speech broadcast on state television to mark the 26th anniversary of independence.

This year's festivities come at a time of deepening economic crisis and a rapidly widening gap between Zimbabwe's rich elite and poor majority. Unemployment exceeds 70 percent, inflation is over 900 percent, and the country faces acute shortages of food, gasoline and other imports.

Critics blame Zimbabwe's economic woes in large part on the seizure of thousands of white-owned commercial farms for redistribution to black Zimbabweans since 2000.

MICHAEL HARTNACK (AP)

World

Israel: Hamas to Blame for Blast

But leaders opt for strategic measures over military response

JERUSALEM | Israel's leaders held the Hamas-led Palestinian government responsible Tuesday for the deadliest suicide bombing in 20 months, but decided against a large-scale military operation in an attempt to avoid escalating violence.

Officials said the measured response will help preserve a strong international front against Hamas and that Israel will take all steps it deems necessary, including assassinating militants, to prevent attacks.

The Islamic Jihad militant group carried out Monday's blast outside a Tel Aviv restaurant, killing 10 people including the bomber and wounding dozens. Although Hamas was not directly involved, its leaders defended the attack as a justified response to Israeli military strikes against Palestinian militants.

Interim Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert met with top officials for two hours Tuesday to weigh a response. The group decided to hold Hamas accountable because it did



Assaf Yunis grieves for his mother, one of the victims of the bombing in Tel Aviv.

not denounce the bombing.

But Olmert decided against launching a large-scale military operation and blocked a proposal to declare the Palestinian Authority an "enemy entity," participants said.

Such a declaration would have paved the way for direct strikes against the Palestinian Authority.

Officials said responses would likely include assassinations of bombing masterminds, arrests of Islamic Jihad members and tighter travel restrictions. (AP)

TAIWAN | 'COMFORT WOMEN' REALIZE BRIDAL DREAM



WEDDING BELLES: Six Taiwanese women forced into prostitution by Japan's military more than six decades ago don wedding gowns in Taipei County Tuesday in a ceremony that allowed the women to live out a lifelong dream: to be brides. The Women's Rescue Foundation treated the "comfort women" to a mock wedding celebration that included dresses, flowers, and photography.

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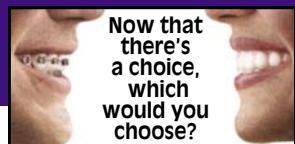
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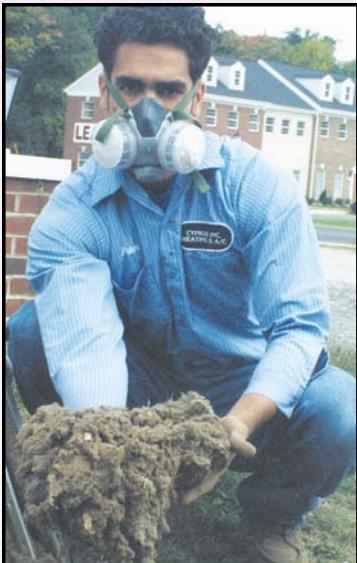
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Money

Fed Notes Send Markets Soaring

Signal that end of rate hikes is near propels Dow up 200 points

NEW YORK | Stocks soared Tuesday on news that Federal Reserve policy-makers believed their run of interest rate hikes is likely nearing an end, propelling the Dow Jones industrials up nearly 200 points. The report helped offset the effects of oil prices that passed \$71 a barrel.

Wall Street was already climbing in mid-afternoon when the Fed released minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee's March 27-28 meeting that showed most of the panel's members "thought that the end of the tightening process was likely to be near, and some expressed concerns about the dangers of tightening too much, given the lags in the effects of policy."

But the release of the minutes was just what an interest rate-weary market wanted to hear. The Fed has raised rates 15 times in a row since June 2004, putting the nation's benchmark rate at 4.75 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 194.99, or 1.76 percent, to 11,268.77.



SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

Oil traders work the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange on Tuesday.

Traders had already gotten some comfort Tuesday from the Labor Department's report that core wholesale inflation, which excludes volatile energy and food prices, rose just 0.1 percent last month.

The threat of inflation was evident Tuesday in the continued surge of energy prices. The rise, caused by tension over Iran's nuclear energy program and worries about disruption to supplies from Nigeria, pushed crude to a record close of \$71.35 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. ADAM GELLER (AP)

In Brief

HOUSTON

Skilling Bristles on Queries Over Investment Strategy

Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling sparred with a prosecutor Tuesday when challenged about whether the company used fraudulent financial structures and other means to fudge its numbers in the years before it collapsed into bankruptcy proceedings. The 52-year-old former-CEO held his temper but appeared to seethe when federal prosecutor Sean Berkowitz sternly pressed him about poor investments housed in the off-the-books structures that prosecution witnesses said were used to hide losses. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Freddie Mac to Pay Record \$3.8M Fine on Fundraising

The home loan giant Freddie Mac has agreed to pay a record \$3.8 million fine to settle allegations it made illegal campaign contributions. The fine announced Tuesday is by far the biggest ever levied by the Federal Election Commission. Freddie Mac was accused of illegally using corporate resources for 85 fundraisers that collected about \$1.7 million for federal candidates. Much of the fundraising benefited members of a House panel whose decisions can affect Freddie Mac. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Russell	18.34	+5.04	+37.9
Imation	47.30	+6.40	+15.6
IntcIntlEx n	66.16	+8.29	+14.3
MEMC If	41.40	+4.54	+12.3
AlliancOne	4.75	+.49	+11.5

Losers

WolvTub	3.09	-.36	-10.4
AlliImag	5.18	-.49	-8.6
Meredith	50.79	-4.77	-8.6
StulNcp	198.40	-12.40	-5.9
SmithAO	53.52	-3.14	-5.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75
Fed Funds close	4.6875	4.75
3-month disc	4.62	4.58
2-year	4.84	4.87
10-year	4.98	4.92
30-year	5.08	5.00

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5620	.5652	.5253
Canadian Dollar	1.1407	1.1459	1.2476
European Euro	.8123	.8158	.7683
Japanese Yen	117.29	117.76	107.50
Mexican Peso	10.9440	11.0470	11.1140
Taiwanese Dollar	32.47	32.41	31.61

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS Bn	24.80	+.09	-2.7
ClearChan	28.17	-.55	-10.4
Comcast	28.83	+.75	+11.2
Comc sp	28.80	+.74	+12.1
DiracTV	16.92	+.31	+19.8
Disney	28.09	+.44	+17.2
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NewsCpB	17.91	...	+7.8
Omnicom	85.96	+.56	+1.0
Thomson	39.92	+.60	+15.4
TimeWarn	17.13	+.32	-1.8
ViacomBn	38.45	-.02	-6.6
WPP Gp	60.31	+.94	+11.7

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The cost, in millions of dollars, of newly completed upgrades to the Ballston Metro station. Arlington officials are hoping the three new escalators and a new underground passageway will draw more customers down under.

Local



Parkland teacher Bob Jones, right, shows off a robotic project to President Bush and Education Secretary Margaret Spellings.

Bush Visits Magnet School

President uses Md. locale to call for better math, science classes

ROCKVILLE | The Montgomery County middle school President Bush used as a backdrop Tuesday to call for stronger math and science programs is a new magnet school where students study astronomy, robotics and aerospace sciences.

One of three newly created magnet programs in the county, students at Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology is one of three magnet programs funded in part by a \$7.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. A Silver Spring school focuses on the arts while a Rockville school teaches students information technology.

At Parkland, students take accelerated math, with the goal

of mastering algebra by the time they graduate from the 8th grade. Scientists from area research centers such as NASA, the University of Maryland, and defense contractor Lockheed Martin help the teachers and teach some lessons.

Principal Kevin Hobbs said while aerospace technology can be a complex science, many students already come in with an interest in science like astronomy. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON More Than 200 Question Smithsonian Cable TV Deal

More than 200 filmmakers, historians and students have signed a letter asking the Smithsonian Institution to reveal details of its television deal with Showtime Networks and reverse a policy that limits access to the Smithsonian's archives and experts. The Showtime deal, announced last month, requires any commercial documentaries that rely heavily on Smithsonian collections to be offered first to a new cable television venture dubbed Smithsonian on Demand. Filmmakers or producers who don't want to do business

with the new network could find access to Smithsonian materials denied. (AP)

WASHINGTON Gasoline Prices Surging in Washington Metro Area

The Washington area is feeling the pinch at the gas pump, especially now that oil prices have settled at a record high. According to AAA, average gas prices in the District are at \$2.98 cents per gallon. In Virginia, the average is \$2.79 cents, while in Maryland the average is \$2.83; however, prices are higher in areas closer to Washington. With oil prices closing above \$71 a barrel Tuesday, some experts say the worst may be yet to come and predicting gas prices could rise as high as \$3.50 a gallon by the summer. (AP)

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Area Police Depts. Connect Crime Spree

D.C. and Md. officials suspect criminals 'working as a team'

WASHINGTON | Fast-acting thieves with powerful weapons have District of Columbia and Prince George's County police sharing notes and investigating more than a dozen robberies and carjackings.

The earliest of the incidents occurred Saturday, when two men robbed a suspect in Northwest Washington and took his white Mazda 626, authorities said.

Sometime Sunday, a black Jeep

Liberty was stolen in Northeast. Several victims then reported seeing a black sport utility vehicle during other robberies and carjackings Monday.

"They seem to be working as a team," said Lt. Mike Pavlik. "Over a short period of time to have that many robberies and carjackings is unusual in this area."

D.C. police said they arrested a juvenile early Tuesday near the National Zoo in connection with a carjacking that had occurred shortly before in Northeast, near where the other robberies were reported. (AP)

Suspect in Duke Rape Case Has Record in D.C.

WASHINGTON | One of two Duke University lacrosse players arrested on charges of raping an exotic dancer at a party last month was also charged with assaulting a man in the District of Columbia last year.

Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., was arrested about 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 5, after he and two high school lacrosse teammates were involved in a confrontation with Jeffrey O. Bloxom in Georgetown, according to records at D.C. Superior Court.

Bloxom said Finnerty and the other men "punched him in the face and body" after he told them to "stop calling him gay and other derogatory names."

The three men were arrested at the scene after Bloxom flagged down police. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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Cars

Small Cars Hit It Big

Auto show highlights fuel-efficiency but SUVs are here to stay

The timing would seem ideal for the most fuel-miserly of new models on display in New York as the auto show came to town. And soaring gasoline prices seem likely to pose a challenge for some of the big sport utility vehicles.

Gasoline is at its highest levels since the post-Hurricane Katrina run-up in the fall, and the U.S. Department of Energy last week predicted that prices would rise by another 10 or 15 cents a gallon to peak sometime next month.

But auto industry analysts say they think they would have to go higher and stay there before Americans make significant downsizings in their transportation choices.

New, fuel-efficient models on display at the show included the five-door, four-cylinder Honda Fit, going on sale this month with federally-estimated fuel economy of 33 miles per gallon in city driving and 38 mpg on the highway. Prices start at \$14,400 with freight.

The Nissan Versa, also a five-door, four-cylinder car, is scheduled to go on sale in June at about \$12,000 with fuel economy estimated by Nissan at a combined 33 mpg.

The Fit and Versa will be their respective manufacturers' small-



The newly redesigned 2007 Hyundai Elantra was unveiled last week at the New York International Auto Show, which featured a line of smaller, fuel-efficient cars.

est and cheapest cars sold in the United States.

Hyundai, meanwhile, unveiled a redesigned Elantra. Toyota's Yaris replaced the Echo earlier this year. Another small car, the Chevrolet Aveo, has been redesigned for the 2007 model year, with sales to begin in the summer. Also at the show was the Dodge Caliber, now on sale at \$13,985 to start, the replacement for the small Neon sedan.

Analyst Matt Vicenzi, based in Detroit for J.D. Power Automotive, said Power expects annual sales of small cars to increase modestly from 2.4 million last year to 2.7 million over the next five years, which will leave small cars' share of the total market still small, at about 15 percent. "People aren't jumping from big trucks into subcompact cars," he said. "They're tracking more to (smaller) crossover SUVs." Power

thinks gasoline would have to reach at least \$3 a gallon — and then stay there — before fuel economy becomes the most important criteria for vehicle selection.

General Motors, whose most significant product introduction this year is a redesigned line of full-size SUVs, expresses confidence that they'll find homes, despite higher fuel prices. Mary Sipes, GM's director for that model line, said that the first ones on sale, the Chevrolet Tahoe and similar GMC Yukon, have sold so well that the carmaker is ramping up production and planning to get the other vehicles in the line into showrooms about a month earlier than planned. They're arriving now, she said.

"There is always going to be a customer base that needs this type of vehicle," Sipes said. TOM INCANTAL-
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Cars

OFF WITH A 'STANG: Production of the Shelby ST-H began in Las Vegas on Monday. Five hundred of the Mustang variations will be made to be used as rentals through the "Hertz Fun Collection" at airports across the nation later this year.

Just Like Riding on a Tank

The tiny Fit's space will blow your mind, hopefully nothing else

ROAD TEST | Who'd have thought sitting on a container of volatile petrochemicals would be so fun?

The intensely likable, carry-on-sized 2007 Honda Fit is a wondrous widget of automotive packaging, thanks primarily to the placement of its gas tank under the front seats, where one hopes nothing bad ever happens to it. This seemingly minor rearrangement opens up Alice-in-Wonderland space inside the Fit's subcompact rabbit hole.

Bringing order to this space are Honda's so-called Magic Seats, which with a simple pocketknife



The Honda Fit somehow squeezes the whole package into a tiny container—and has room left over to stick stuff. Of course, you're also sitting on a tank of fuel.

action fold flat and disappear into the low load floor. You don't even have to remove the headrests. The resulting "utility-mode" space measures 41.9 cubic feet.

As if sitting on 11 gallons of unleaded weren't magical enough.

Subcompacts have been about as popular as hobo-flavored mouthwash. In order to reach beyond the desperate-measures demographic, subcompacts are going to have to offer Americans something more than just hollow thrift.

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Sports



ENCORE: The Booz Allen Classic got a boost Tuesday when 2005 champ Sergio Garcia said he will return to defend his title. Garcia adds some star power to the June 22-25 event, which has a low-profile spot on the calendar this year before it moves to the fall.

Bowden Charged With DUI in Miami

Nats GM is arrested as MLB closes in on picking a new owner

NATIONALS | Washington Nationals general manager Jim Bowden was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after allegedly running a stop sign while in Florida during his team's series against the Marlins last weekend.

A few minutes before he was stopped, Bowden and his girlfriend, 36-year-old Joy Browning, were

apparently involved in a physical altercation that left him with scratches and resulted in battery and resisting arrest charges against her.

A Miami Beach police report said the 44-year-old Bowden refused to take a breath-alcohol test after he was stopped at 2:22 a.m. Monday. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested, the report said.

The report said that "a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage" emanated from the gray 2006 Cadillac STS that Bowden was driving and that he had "bloodshot eyes, glassy



Bowden

Browning

eyes, flush red face and slurred speech."

"I intend to plead not guilty at a future date in a Miami-Dade court. I deeply regret any embarrassment that my arrest may cause

the Washington Nationals and Major League Baseball," Bowden said in a statement.

Bowden's arrest comes as Baseball closes in on announcing a new owner for the Nationals. "I have talked to Jim Bowden about the regrettable incident that took place Sunday night," team president Tony Tavares said. "The Washington Nationals will monitor the situation as it works its way through the court system and will not make any comment or take any action until the legal issues are resolved." (AP)

In Brief



JOE MANNHARDT/RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH/AP
Anthony Grant, 40, is leaving national champion Florida to coach at VCU.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Former Florida Assistant Grant Takes Over at VCU

Anthony Grant assumed his first head coaching job Tuesday, taking over at Virginia Commonwealth University. The 40-year-old Grant spent 12 years as an assistant for Billy Donovan, including the last 10 at Florida, which won the national championship this season. Grant replaces Jeff Capel, who resigned unexpectedly after four successful seasons as the Rams coach last Monday to take over the same position at Oklahoma. (AP)

COLLEGE HOOPS

Penn State Penalizes Coach In Same-Sex Bias Case

Penn State fined women's basketball coach Rene Portland \$10,000 after concluding she violated university policy in her alleged hostile treatment of a player who was perceived to be a lesbian. The university, in a statement Tuesday on its investigation, also said that Portland would be dismissed for any further violation of the school's nondiscrimination policy and had been ordered to take professional development "devoted to diversity and inclusiveness." (AP)

Majewski Recalled to Baltimore

Struggling outfielder replaces Newhan, who goes on the DL

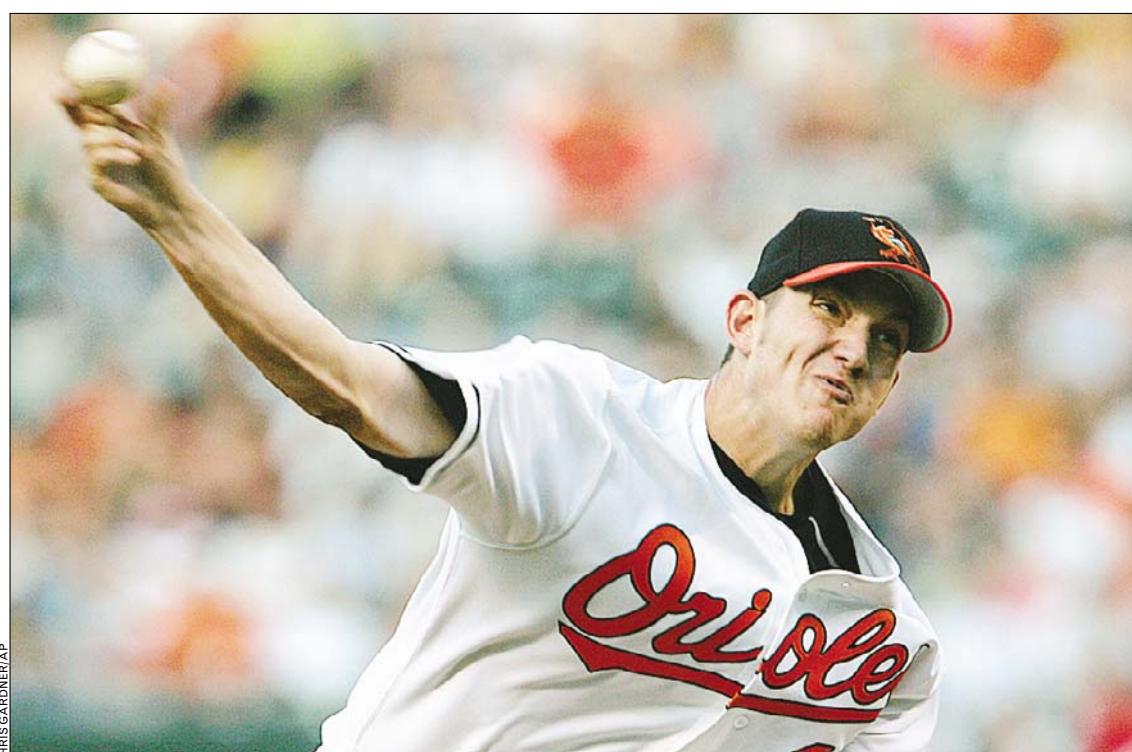
ORIOLES | The Baltimore Orioles recalled outfielder Val Majewski from Triple-A Ottawa on Tuesday to replace David Newhan, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a fractured right fibula.

Newhan's injury occurred Monday night when he slid awkwardly into second base in a game against the Los Angeles Angels. He will undergo surgery Thursday and is expected to miss at least six weeks — if he's lucky.

"They're going to put two pins in the bone and check tendons and other stuff," Newhan said. "If there's a problem, then they might put a third pin in to hold things together. That would double everything" in terms of his stay on the DL.

Newhan entered the season as a reserve outfielder, but quickly worked his way into the starting lineup. He was batting .265 with two home runs and seven RBIs in 10 games.

Majewski was batting .138 (4-29) with Ottawa after starting the season 1-for-17. He appeared in nine games with the Orioles in 2004 but missed all of last year after surgery on his left shoulder in March. (AP)



WHAT A RELIEF: Chris Ray has so far made the Orioles look smart for promoting him after B.J. Ryan signed with Toronto.

Closer Offers Ray of Hope to Orioles

Young reliever fills in nicely for departed Ryan

ORIOLES | It's too early to determine whether Baltimore Orioles closer Chris Ray is a worthy successor to the departed All-Star B.J. Ryan, who last year had 36 saves and an impressive 2.43 ERA.

This much, however, can be said with certainty: No one, including Ryan, could have outdone Ray over the first 15 days of the 2006 season.

In seven appearances, the right-

hander has five saves, a 1-0 record and a spotless ERA. He's allowed two hits, one walk and has seven strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings.

His latest gem came Monday night, when he got three outs to preserve a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

A year ago, Ray spent April with Double-A Bowie. Now the 24-year-old is starting his first season in the big leagues, and thus far he's been

pretty near perfect.

"I'm definitely happy with my performance so far," he said. "The biggest thing is throwing strikes, getting ahead of hitters and not walking guys. Those extra men off base keeps me in rhythm the entire outing, and that seems to be working real well for me."

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

LATE GAMES: Both the Nats and Orioles games ended after Express' deadline. For results | **Today's Post, Sports**

AUTO RACING

Graves Quits Ganassi Team

Andy Graves, the first employee hired by car owner Chip Ganassi when he started his NASCAR operation, resigned as team manager Tuesday as part of a shakeup within the three-car operation. The move comes one day after Jeff Vanderross was replaced as crew chief on rookie David Stremme's struggling team. (AP)



GONZAGA GO GO: In a widely expected move, Gonzaga's star forward Adam Morrison is set to announce his decision to forgo his senior season and apply for the NBA draft. He is considered a lottery pick by many draft experts.

Sports

Judge OKs Girl In Wheelchair to Race With Team

BALTIMORE | A high school track athlete who uses a wheelchair will be allowed to race alongside her teammates for the rest of the school year under a federal judge's order.

Tatyana McFadden, 16, had been allowed to practice with the Atholton High School track team in Columbia, but the school system required her to compete in separate wheelchair events.

"It was lonely and embarrassing, and I just didn't like it," McFadden said.

McFadden, who won two medals at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, said Monday night that she was looking forward to competing in Wednesday's meet.

"This is important to me because I wanted to get the same thrill and the same experience as all the other high school students," she said. "There's no competition by myself." (AP)

Wild-Card Arenas Back in Playoffs

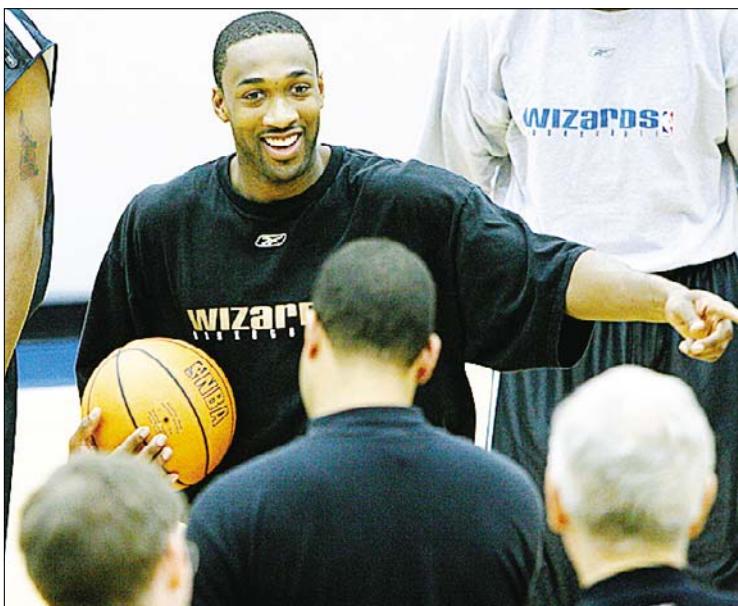
Wizards guard adds to mystique with his halftime poker ritual

WIZARDS | During halftime of Washington Wizards games, Gilbert Arenas sits at his locker and plays online poker. Seriously.

It might be the quirkiest of all the quirks associated with the affable, creative, nonstop, 24-year-old point guard, a player so mercurial that his coach coined a term — "Gilbertology" — to describe the whole package.

"I just have a different way of approaching things," Arenas said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm a little offbeat. I think of myself as the Dave Chappelle of the NBA, that nobody knows about. Like, at halftime, while everybody's getting ready, I'm playing poker online. It's just a mental challenge, to keep my mind going."

It's hard to argue with Arenas' success. Fourth in the league in scor-



Wizards' point guard Gilbert Arenas is one of the more unique stars in the NBA. —LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE/AP

ing, the two-time All-Star has led the long-moribund Wizards to their second straight playoff appearance. His photogenic smile, his natural ease with fans — many of whom compete to catch his jersey when he tosses it

into the stands after every game — and his on-court talent have all the makings of an NBA star.

The worst of his youthful indiscretions has subsided with maturity. He missed a practice two years

ago because he was playing pool, but it would be difficult to imagine such behavior now. Last fall, coach Eddie Jordan even felt that Arenas had grown up enough to become a team captain.

Arenas reluctantly accepted, but Jordan appears to be having second thoughts. After all, his captain is, well, playing online poker during halftime.

Asked to assess Arenas' tenure as captain, Jordan answered very slowly. "He's OK," Jordan said. "I have different ideas for that next year, so we'll see. Right now that's all I want to say on that."

Added co-captain Antawn Jamison, the team's true locker-room leader: "On the court he's been phenomenal, he's done everything you can ask of a captain. But off the court? We've still got a little bit more work." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

 **Late game:** The Wizards-Bucks game ended after Express' deadline. For results | Today's Post, Sports

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Shelton Is a Hit for Tigers

Slugger joins an elite group in history with 9 homers in 13 games

BASEBALL | Chris Shelton is hotter than his hair color.

Plucked off baseball's scrap heap a couple of years ago, Detroit's red-headed first baseman is now more than a curiosity or cute, opening-week story.

Instead, Shelton is proving he has staying power with nine home runs through 13 games, putting him in an elite group in baseball history.

Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals hit the same mark Monday night. He and Shelton lead the majors, and are just the fourth and fifth players to homer at least nine times in their team's first 13 games.

Mike Schmidt hit 11 home runs during the first 13 games of 1976; Larry Walker (1997) and Luis Gonzalez (2001) also had nine homers in their first 13 games, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I'm not going to lie. I've paid attention to that a little bit," Shelton



Chris Shelton is tied for the major-league lead in home runs with Albert Pujols.

said. "When you turn on the TV, that's all you see. It feels unreal to put me with all those names."

Heading into Tuesday night's game at Oakland, Shelton has a .471 batting average, 17 RBIs, 24 hits, including five doubles and three

triples — an impressive total for the 6-foot, 215-pounder.

"He's a real good young hitter who has the potential to be an outstanding old hitter," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "He's the real deal." LARRY LAGE (AP)

Report: Bonds' Trainer Set to Testify

DOPING | The head athletic trainer for the San Francisco Giants was told to appear before a federal grand jury investigating whether Barry Bonds lied about his connection to the BALCO steroids scandal, a newspaper reported.

Stan Conte, who is not related to Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative owner Victor Conte, was subpoenaed to appear in a San Francisco federal courtroom April 27, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday, citing three anonymous

sources familiar with the investigation.

Conte is scheduled to appear before the grand jury on the same day as Bonds' orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Arthur Ting. The grand jury subpoenaed Ting's medical records related to Bonds a year ago, the Chronicle reported. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7:30 P.M. ON NEWSCHANNEL 8) The Wizards finish out the regular season against the Detroit Pistons.

BASEBALL (7P.M. ON MASN) Livan Hernandez looks to bounce back from a shaky start when the Nats face the Phillies.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2/CSN) Rodrigo Lopez pitches for the Orioles in Game 2 of the a series against the Indians.

MORE BASEBALL (12:30 P.M. ON ESPN; 1 P.M. ON TBS; 2 P.M. ON WGN) N.Y. Yankees at Texas; Atlanta at New York Mets; Kansas City at Chicago White Sox.

SOCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Arsenal plays Villarreal in a Champions League semifinal.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	9	4	.692	—	4-3	5-1
Baltimore	9	6	.571	1.5	5-5	3-1
Tampa Bay	7	6	.538	2	4-3	2-3
N.Y. Yankees	6	6	.500	2.5	3-0	3-6
Toronto	6	6	.500	2.5	3-3	3-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	8	5	.615	—	4-2	4-2
Cleveland	8	5	.615	—	4-2	4-3
Detroit	7	6	.538	1	2-5	5-1
Minnesota	6	6	.500	1.5	5-1	1-5
Kansas City	2	10	.167	5.5	2-3	0-7

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	6	7	.462	—	4-2	2-5
Oakland	6	7	.462	—	3-3	3-4
Seattle	6	8	.429	.5	3-4	3-4
Texas	5	8	.385	1	2-5	3-3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	10	2	.833	—	7-2	3-0
Atlanta	6	8	.429	5	3-3	3-5
Philadelphia	5	7	.417	5	1-5	4-2
Washington	4	9	.308	6.5	0-3	4-6
Florida	3	9	.250	7	2-4	1-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Houston	9	4	.692	—	6-2	3-2
Chicago	8	5	.667	.5	4-2	4-2
Cincinnati	8	5	.615	1	5-2	3-3
St. Louis	8	5	.615	1	4-2	4-3
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	2	5-1	2-5
Pittsburgh	4	11	.267	6	3-5	1-6

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San Fran.	8	4	.667	—	4-2	4-2
Colorado	7	6	.538	1.5	2-5	5-1
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San Diego	5	7	.417	3	1-4	4-3
Arizona	5	8	.385	3.5	2-5	3-3

Standings through April 17's games



CHOICE CUT: Jay Cutler may have dropped a hint when dining with the New York Jets recently. The former Vanderbilt quarterback, a top prospect in the NFL draft, ordered an 18-ounce New York strip steak. The Jets own the No. 4 draft pick.

Sports

D.C. Feeds Off Early Home Cooking

Two wins in 3 games at RFK has United off to best start since '99

UNITED | D.C. United has played sound, opportunistic soccer during the first three weeks of the season, save five frantic minutes in the opener against New York, and as a result has a 2-0-1 record and its best start since 1999.

Freddy Adu has performed well in two starts, five players have tallied goals and the defense, marshaled by former backup goalkeeper Troy Perkins, is rated second in MLS. More importantly, United appears to have reestablished itself as a force at home after showing indif-

ferent form at RFK Stadium last year, which included a memorable 4-0 playoff drubbing.

In fact, Coach Peter Nowak went out of his way to credit a boisterous crowd with giving his team a boost in last weekend's 2-0 win over Houston.

"I think everyone's going to watch this game around the league and even in Europe, and is going to say, this stadium really gave the players the lift," he said.

United now will leave D.C. for the first time this season for Saturday's game against New York (0-0-3), the first of a six-game stretch featuring four road contests. Knowing points on the road are harder to come by, several players said earning them



D.C. United's Freddy Adu, top, leaps over Houston Dynamo's Wade Barrett in a 2-0 victory that lifted United's record to 2-0-1. Adu has played well in that span.

at home is crucial.

"We realized that we have to get back and protect it at RFK. I mean, this is RFK," midfielder Ben Olsen said.

A good start for United especially is advantageous this season, when MLS will continue to play games in June and July during the World Cup.

Some of United's Eastern Conference rivals, especially New England and Kansas City, likely will be hit hard by call-ups to the U.S. national team (Olsen is the only D.C. player with a realistic chance of going to Germany) and may struggle during the summer.

If United can establish itself near the top of the standings early, it will be in excellent shape as games become increasingly important in the late summer and fall. **BRIAN STRAUS**

Redskins Retain Linebacker Holdman

REDSKINS | Warrick Holdman re-signed with the Washington Redskins on Tuesday, giving the team another candidate for the starting weakside linebacker position following the departure

of LaVar Arrington.

Holdman was the opening day starter last season, but he did not have much impact and lost the job in November after Arrington fully recovered from a knee injury.

Arrington became a free agent in March. Chris Clemons, who resigned earlier this month, is also a contender to take the weakside spot. Coaches could also use both players regularly, with Holdman on the field for rushing downs and Clemons on passing downs. (AP)

Barcelona Grabs Lead Over AC Milan

SOCER | Ludovic Giuly scored off a pass from Ronaldinho on Tuesday to give FC Barcelona a 1-0 win over AC Milan in the first leg of the Champions League semifinals.

The France forward beat an off-

side trap to send a left-foot shot past Milan goalkeeper Dida in the 57th minute. Barcelona will enter next week's return leg at Camp Nou on a nine-match unbeaten run at home in Europe. (AP)

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AH, TRADITION: Start placing your bets early next year, the Oscars are moving back to February. As in days of old, the Academy Awards ceremony will take place the last weekend of the month; it moved to March this year to avoid competition with the Winter Olympics.

A Jones for Country

It's no secret that Norah Jones has a passion for C&W

DOUBLE LIVES | It wasn't too long ago that Norah Jones was living a double life, and trying hard to shield it from public view.

In the late-night hours, the smoky-voiced jazz singer would go out to one of the city's intimate music clubs and — in front of an audience, no less — get on stage with her friends to belt out ... country tunes.

Two years later, Jones is ready to let the whole world in on her secret. Her band, known as the Little Willies, has released its first album, filled with rollicking covers of songs by the likes of Kris Kristofferson, Willie Nelson, and Hank Williams Jr., plus a few penned by the Little Willies' own members — guitarist Jim Campilongo, guitarist and vocalist Richard Julian, drummer Dan Rieser and bassist Lee Alexander.

"Basically, the short story is that we're friends, we got a chance to play together a long time ago and we just wanted to again," said Jones. "It was sort of just an excuse to play together."

Though she's best known for the slow-paced, jazz-tinged



LITTLE WILLIE STYLE: Singer, songwriter and pianist Jones, second from right, with her roots-rock band, Little Willie. JIM COOPER/AP

songs, Jones' rich voice is versatile, sounding downright folksy and twangy on one cut while bluesy on another. Fans may have gotten hints of her country side when she collaborated with Dolly Parton on her second album, "Feels Like Home" and the occasions when she has sung with friend Willie Nelson.

But it really came through when she performed with the Little Willies. Unlike touring with her

own music, where she at times felt self-conscious as the focal point on a grand stage, with her friends she was just one of five, playing the piano, sometimes singing, but more importantly just having a blast.

"It's definitely a different side of Norah Jones. She's such a great singer, she can sing anything she wants to," said Rita Houston, a radio host on WFUV in New York City. "[But] I think it has really brought out another side of her personali-

ty, which is a member of a band.... The chemistry that the band has is unique."

Eventually, the band plans to take its act on the road.

Whatever happens, though, Jones is determined not to lose that intimate feeling she had when the Little Willies were flying happily under the radar. "It's so fun," she said, "and we don't want to lose this sort of innocence."

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

'Sexy': What a Way to Go

Eagles of Death Metal like it scuzzy, and so do you, baby

MUSIC | If you're going to focus on just one thing, you might as well be good at it, and Eagles of Death Metal oblige: No one plays scuzzy, oversexed garage rock the way Jesse Hughes and Joshua Homme do.

The duo's musical range is limited (intentionally, one suspects), but Eagles of Death Metal's sec-

ond album, "Death by Sexy" (Downtown Recordings/Rekords Rekords) improves on the lecherous-dirtbag formula the pair introduced on 2004's "Peace Love Death Metal." Hughes, a rookie on the first album, has grown more adept at crooning greasy lyrics about his suitability for sexual encounters on guitar-driven tunes like "I Want You So Hard (Boy's Bad News)" and "I Like to Move in the Night." Homme, whose day job is singing and playing guitar for Queens

of the Stone Age, shows marked improvement on the drums, in that he's learned to actually play them.

None of it — not the band name, not the album title, not even the songs — is meant to be taken seriously, and that's half the fun. "Death by Sexy" is loaded with rock for the sake of rocking out, and the buzzing breakneck guitars and flip-flop hedonism make it sound like a pretty good way to go. ERIC R. DANTON (THE HARTFORD COURANT)



Josh Homme and Jesse Hughes must be prepared for an attack at any time. COURTESY GIRLIE ACTION

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COURTESY RICK FIORI
Rick Fiori (right, in spring dress) and President Bush in an intimate moment.

Worst President Ever: Opinionated

I Rick Fiori can call himself an actor or performance artist — indeed, his one-man show requires a lot of both — but the guy is an activist with an act. If you're on his side of the metaphorical "Crossfire" table, check out this hilarious but not-at-all-nice satire.

Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-438-2970.

Divine Legacy Fashion Show: Walk the Walk

2 Big names turn out for a big night of fashion and frats as Ahmad Rashad hosts the Divine Legacy runway extravaganza. The event will highlight the nation's historically African-American fraternities and sororities and will also feature actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

Howard University, Cramton Auditorium, 2455 6th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$20; 866-937-6978.

The Capitol Bones: Roll 'Em

3 All trombones! All Washingtonians! It's all brass all night long as the Matt Niess-founded ensemble horns in on Blues Alley.

Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 & 10 p.m., \$25; 202-337-4141.

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JUST SUPER: The stars are coming out for Superman. EA and Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment's "Superman Returns: The Videogame" "stars" the voices of Brandon Routh, Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth and Parker Posey, all of whom appear in the upcoming superfilm.

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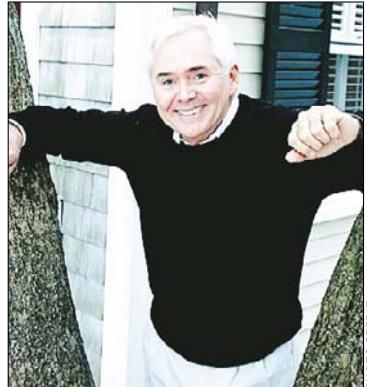
Eternally Arthur

The beloved aardvark turns 30, to the vast surprise of his creator

NOT JUST FOR KIDS | Arthur the Aardvark is turning 30, but creator Marc Brown says his beloved, bespectacled, slightly nerdy character will always be eight years old — "and he'll never have to take the SATs."

Arthur, pesky little sister D.W., best friend and rabbit Buster and algebra teacher Mr. Ratburn are favorites of a new generation, including Brown's own two granddaughters.

The newest book, "D.W.'s Guide to Perfect Manners" (Little,



"Arthur" author Marc Brown has seen generations grow up with his creation.

Brown), is to be published in May, and 20 new episodes of the PBS show are prepared each year. In August, a CGI animation ver-

sion of Arthur is slated to make his debut in the DVD "Arthur's Missing Pal."

"I never expected more than one book about Arthur. Before I knew it, my son outgrew picture books and I had to make the decision whether to stick with picture books or should I go on to chapter books for him. I could've done 'A Day at Hormone High.' But I'd grown fond of Arthur and the other characters," said Brown, who describes himself as a little bit Arthur, a little bit Arthur's dad Mr. Reed and a little bit everyone else in Elwood City.

He chose an aardvark as the star for two reasons: Cute, cuddly bears and bunnies had already been done,

and the first story was about a boy who wasn't entirely happy with himself. He especially didn't like his nose. What better animal to complain about a nose than an aardvark?

"Arthur feels like every kid. He's accessible, he's not exceptional. He can't always get what he wants, he has friend problems, teacher problems. He feels real, and kids can identify with him."

As Brown grew more comfortable in Arthur's skin, he took on even meatier issues than grouchy teachers and the playground's social hierarchy. Censorship of children's books was the theme of an "Arthur" episode that featured a J.K. Rowling-esque author leading the charge.

"I get to delve into issues I might have shied away from before," he said. "The older I get the more brazen I've become — and the older you get, the more people listen."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Today's Top Stops



Ketchum takes fans on a wild ride.

Hal Ketchum: Nashville's Byways

4 "Small Town Saturday Night" captured the feel of a honky-tonk night when Ketchum released the song in 1991, but this charismatic troubadour has plenty of tricks in his dust-caked boots.

Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$30; 703-218-6500.

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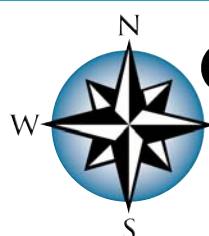
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NEW BLOOD: It's time for Elvira to step down. TV's Mistress of the Dark is ready to retire to her crypt and needs a successor. Cassandra Peterson, who created the Goth-comedy character, wants to conduct her search via a reality-TV show.

Magnificent Arkadin

Orson Welles' other lost masterpiece is released on 3 discs

DVD | Film historians and preservationists are still looking for the 45 minutes of footage RKO cut from Orson Welles' 1942 film, "The Magnificent Ambersons." But "Ambersons" wasn't the only ambitious Welles production that was taken away from the legendary actor-writer-director.

In 1955, the producer of his unusual mystery "Mr. Arkadin" removed Welles from the editing room because he was taking so long. Because Welles lost control, there are many versions of "Mr. Arkadin" drifting around — the American version was released as "Confidential Report."

The new Criterion Collection three-disc set "The Complete Mr. Arkadin" (\$50) features three versions of the film about a penny ante American smug-



Welles' "Magnificent Ambersons" and "Mr. Arkadin" were never finished.

gler (a colorless Robert Arden) hired by an eccentric billionaire named Gregory Arkadin (played by Welles himself), to investigate his forgotten past. The fascinating but flawed thriller also features Patricia Medina, Akim Tamiroff and Katina Paxinou.

The DVD includes the "Cornith" version discovered by Peter Bogdanovich in the early 1960s, "Confidential Report" and an all new "comprehensive" version created by film archivists Stephen

Droessler and Claude Bertemes, which they believe best approximates Welles' vision.

The absorbing collection features forceful commentary from Welles scholars Jonathan Rosenbaum and James Naremore on the Cornith version and interviews with Welles biographer Simon Callow, the late Arden, Bogdanovich and Droessler and Bertemes.

It also sports three 30-minute installments of Welles' radio series, "The Lives of Harry Lime," on which "Arkadin" is based; and a documentary, "On the Comprehensive Version." The set further includes exceptional outtakes of Welles.

SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441 821

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05
ATL (PG13) 2:35, 7:50
BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 12:05, 5:05, 10:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:20, 2:05, 4:25, 5:10, 7:30, 8:15, 10:40
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:25, 1:50, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 10:00
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:55

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

THE WILD (G) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 2:15, 4:35, 7:15
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:25, 4:00, 6:55
ATL (PG13) 4:25
BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 1:55, 7:00
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:05

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:05, 4:35, 7:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:45

-SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT No passes or discount coupons

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) ✓ 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:30, 4:15, 4:55, 5:35, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:45, 9:25, 10:00
THE WILD (G) ✓ 2:25, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:15, 4:35, 7:25, 9:50
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:45, 7:15, 10:00
ATL (PG13) 1:55, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:30, 2:05, 2:50, 4:10, 4:40, 5:25, 6:45, 7:25, 8:05, 9:00, 9:35
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:05, 9:25
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 2:10, 4:30
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 2:10, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:35, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:05, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 7:00, 9:45
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:20, 9:55

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 5:00, 5:30, 7:40, 8:30
THE WILD (G) ✓ 4:30, 7:00
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 5:50, 8:10
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 5:40, 8:20
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 4:40, 5:10, 7:30, 8:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 5:45, 8:15
ATL (PG13) 5:00, 7:40
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 4:50, 5:20, 7:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 4:45, 7:30
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 7:20

AMC UNION STATION 9

Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 2:40, 5:40, 8:00
THE WILD (G) ✓ 2:35, 5:00, 7:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 2:15, 5:50, 8:15
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 2:05, 4:45, 7:40
ATL (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:25
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 7:35
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:15, 7:35
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:20, 5:05, 8:10

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vockey Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) ✓ 5:50, 8:00
THE WILD (G) ✓ 5:40, 8:10
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 5:40, 7:50
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 5:30, 8:00
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:20, 7:50, 9:50
LARRY THE CABLE GUY: HEALTH INSPECTOR (PG13) 5:10, 8:10

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:15, 10:05
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45
THE WILD (G) 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:30
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 2:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 2:05, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
ATL (PG13) 2:00, 3:00, 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:20, 9:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:45, 5:10, 8:10
INSIDE MAN (R) ✓ 1:45, 5:10, 8:10
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 5:50, 10:25
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 3:20, 8:15

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

ON A CLEAR DAY (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20
DON'T COME KNOCKING (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
MERRY CHRISTMAS (PG) 1:10, 7:00
TSOTSI (R) 1:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 1:50, 7:10
TRANSAMERICA (R) 4:30, 9:10
CAPOTE (R) 3:40, 9:20

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
202-872-9551 711

MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 5:30, 8:00
ASK THE DUST (R) 5:00, 7:30
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:45, 8:00
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:45, 7:40
CAPOTE (R) 5:15, 7:45

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
202-966-5400 713

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

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Television



COULD HE BE ANY SMARTER? Ex "Friends" star Matthew Perry has completed Step One of the patented Life After TV Stardom process—he's signed to star in a dark indie comedy. Perry will play a disturbed screenwriter in "Numb."

Watch the Fur Fly

'Show Cats' takes viewers into a hairy, competitive world

MEOW | Filmmaker Mark Lewis explores the eccentric world of feline fanatics in "The Standard of Perfection: Show Cats" (8 p.m., PBS). Lewis interviews breeders who have devoted their homes, incomes and waking hours to raising, breeding, grooming, pampering and anthropomorphizing purebred cats. He also follows them to the Cat Fancier's Association International Cat Show in Houston, Texas.

To call these folks "characters" is



NICE KITTY: Show cats and their devoted owners are a breed (or more) apart.

beside the point. It seems that cat buffs like to give their kitties the names of celebrities. So we meet an Australian couple who have named their European Burmese cat Nicole Kidman. A news-minded breeder has a favorite called Wolf Blitzer. One winner, named Colin Powell, even got to meet his namesake, the former secretary of state.

This being a competition, the claws do come out on occasion. A judge condemns the "frou-frou" aesthetic of the cat world and laments the lack of emphasis on the cats as "athletes."

Needless to say, he's just one of the many strong personalities on display here. "The Standard of Perfection" will continue next week with "Show Cattle." KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

LAST GASP FOR SYDNEY

ALIAS (8 p.m., ABC) returns to tie up loose ends and reintroduce some old friends/enemies/lovers/rivals/family.

THIS TIME IT'S PERSONAL

HOLY WARRIOR (9 p.m., PBS) devotes two hours to the rivalry between England's Richard the Lionheart and Muslim conqueror Saladin.

WATCHING YOU WATCHING

EXPLORER: SCIENCE OF SURVEILLANCE (9 p.m., National Geographic) looks at the growing use of cameras by municipal police forces and the ability of computers to detect who we are, what we're doing and where we've been.

HONEY, WE'VE BEEN THERE

BONES (9 p.m., Fox) Brennan wakes up in New Orleans without any idea of how



KINDER, GENTLER: Sydney tames her act, now that her latest alias is "Mom."

she got there.

CULT CHOICE

An unclad ingenue (Elizabeth Berkley) upstages her mentor (Gina Gershon) in the preposterous 1995 drama **SHOWGIRLS** (7 p.m., VH1). KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

4.19.06											
LOCAL CHANNELS		6:00 PM		6:30		7:00		7:30		8:00	
WRC (4)	News (CC)	NBC	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Celebrity Cooking Showdown (N) (1)	Heist "Burly the Lead" (N) (CC)	Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So"	News (CC)	News (CC)	Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So"	News (CC)
WTTG (5)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Bones "The Man in the Morgue" (N)	American Idol (32) Unan1mous	News	Geraldo at Large	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Geraldo at Large
WJLA (7)	News (CC)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Alias "S.O.S.; Maternal Instinct" (N) (1) (CC)	(:01) Invasion "Re-Evolution" (N) (1)	News (CC)	News (CC)	(:35) Nightline	News (CC)	(:35) Nightline
WUSA (9)	News (CC)	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race 9 (N) (CC)	Criminal Minds "Charm and Harm" (1)	CSI: NY "Run Silent, Run Deep" (N)	News (CC)	Late Show	News (CC)	Late Show
WDCA (20)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends (CC)	Every-Raymond	America's Next Top Model (N) (CC)	Veronica Mars (1) (CC)	The Tyra Banks Show Gay men. (N)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	The Standard of Perfection (N) (CC)	Holy Warriors Richard the Lion-Hearted leads a crusade to Jerusalem. (N) (1)	Holy Warriors Richard the Lion-Hearted leads a crusade to Jerusalem. (N) (1)	The Tyra Banks Show Gay men. (N)	The Cheese Nun (1) (CC)			
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	The Standard of Perfection (N) (CC)	Holy Warriors Richard the Lion-Hearted leads a crusade to Jerusalem. (N) (1)	Holy Warriors Richard the Lion-Hearted leads a crusade to Jerusalem. (N) (1)	Holy Warriors Richard the Lion-Hearted leads a crusade to Jerusalem. (N) (1)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)			
WHUT (32)	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley (1)	BBC World News	Moneywise	P.O.V. "State of Denial" (1) (CC)	Grab Hold-Rns	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)
WBDC (50)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (1)	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	One Tree Hill (N) (1) (CC)	The Bedford Diaries (N) (1) (CC)	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Will & Grace (1)
A&E											
Animal	American Justice	Copycat Crimes Movie crime. (CC)	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Biography "Andre the Giant" (CC)	Crossing Jordan "With Honor" (CC)	Animal Report	Animal Report	Animal Report
BET	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (CC)	The Most Extreme Lethal injections.	Animal Report	Funniest Animals	Little Zoo That Could (CC)	Animal Precinct "Brought to Justice"	Funniest Animals				
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (CC)	LL Cool J	The Parkers (1)	The Parkers (1)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Movie Special	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
Bravo	Top Chef Cooking with octopus.	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" (CC)	Top Chef Fusion dishes. (CC)	Top Chef Low-cost appetizer. (CC)	Top Chef Gourmet sandwich. (N)	Celebrity Cooking Showdown (CC)					
Comedy	★ "House Party IV" (2000, Comedy) Marques Houston, Dorien Wilson. (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park (CC)	South Park (N)	Mind of Mencia	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Colbert Report	Colbert Report
Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops "Las Vegas"	Cops "Las Vegas"	World's Scariest Police Shootouts! 2	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	LA Forensics	LA Forensics	Parco P.I.
Discovery	How It's Made (N)	How It's Made (N)	How It's Made (N)	How It's Made (N)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters Deadly bullets. (N) (CC)	Futureweapons No place to hide. (N)	MythBusters "Brown Note" (CC)			
DISCH	Paramedics "Dream World" (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Super Obese (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop (CC)
Disney	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	"Kin Possible: A Sitch in Time" (2003) Will Friedle (CC)	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Even Stevens	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
E!	Gastineau Girls	Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Eva Longoria: The Interview	Dr. 90210 "Model Madness"	Simple Life	Simple Life	Saturday Night Live (1) (CC)	Saturday Night Live (1) (CC)	Saturday Night Live (1) (CC)
FX	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.
HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	I Want-Baths	I Want-Kitchen	I Want That! (N)	Landscape Smart	House Hunters	What You Get	What's-House? FreeStyle
Family	7th Heaven "Lost Souls" (1) (CC)	7th Heaven "A Cry for Help" (CC)	★ ★ "Uptown Girls" (2003) Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning. Premiere. (CC)	Whose Line? (N)	Whose Line? (N)	Whose Line? (N)	Whose Line? (N)	Whose Line? (N)	The 700 Club (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)
History	History of Britain (CC)	Modern Marvels: Salt Mines (CC)	Modern Marvels: Demolition (CC)	Marvels: Engineering Disasters 18	Modern Marvels: Oakland Bay Bridge	Modern Marvels: Custom Cars (CC)					
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★ ★ "Outrage in Glen Ridge" (1999) Ally Sheedy, Eric Stoltz. (CC)	"Plain Truth" (2004, Drama) Mariska Hargitay, Alison Pill. (CC)	Marvels: Engineering Disasters 18	Modern Marvels: Oakland Bay Bridge	Modern Marvels: Custom Cars (CC)				
MTV	Yo Momma (N) (1)	Parental Control	Direct Effect (1)	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	My Super Sweet 16 (1)	Super Sweet	Tiara Girls (1)	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World
NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Just for Kicks (1)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)
SCIIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Small Victories" (1)	Ripley's Believe It or Not! (CC)	Ghost Hunters (1) (CC)	Ghost Hunters "Grey Lady Haunting"	Psychic at Large	Psychic at Large	Psychic at Large	Psychic at Large	Ghost Hunters "Grey Lady Haunting"	Ghost Hunters "Grey Lady Haunting"	Ghost Hunters "Grey Lady Haunting"
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	★★ "The Medallion" (2003) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong detective has supernatural abilities. (1)	★★ "The Medallion" (2003) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong detective has supernatural abilities. (1)	★★ "The Medallion" (2003) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong detective has supernatural abilities. (1)	★★ "The Medallion" (2003) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong detective has supernatural abilities. (1)	★★ "The Medallion" (2003) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong detective has supernatural abilities. (1)	MXC (1)	MXC (1)	MXC (1)
TBS	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) (PA) (CC)	★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) (PA) (CC)	★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) (PA) (CC)
TLC	Martha Drew Lachey. (N) (CC)	Shalom in the Home "The Gordons"	Super Humans (N)	The Facemakers (N)	The Facemakers (N)	Guardian Angels, MD	Guardian Angels, MD	Guardian Angels, MD	Super Humans	Super Humans	Super Humans
TNT	Charmed "Witch Way Now?" (CC)	Law & Order "Trade This" (1)	★★★ "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton. (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	★★ "The Program" (1993, Drama) James Caan. (CC)	★★ "The Program" (1993, Drama) James Caan. (CC)	★★ "The Program" (1993, Drama) James Caan. (CC)
USA	(4:30) ★ ★ "Deliverance" (1972)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Crazy"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)
VHI	Fabulous Life Of... (1)	So NoTORious (1)	★ "Showgirls" (1995, Drama) Elizabeth Berkley, Kyle MacLachlan. (1)	GLAAD Media Awards	The Surreal Life	Celebrity Eye	Hollywood Blackmail (1)				
SPAN.	TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	La Tormenta	Tierra de Pasiones	Corazón Partido	Decisiones	Decisiones	Noti-Telemundo	Laura	Noti-Telemundo
UNIV.	QUE Locura	Noticiero Univ	Peregrina (N)	Barrera de Amor (N)	Alborada (N)	Alborada (N)	Don Francisco Presenta	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.	Noticiero Univ.	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks. (Subject to Blackout) (S) Live (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Seattle Sonics. (CC)
ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live) (CC)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape)
CSN	Chris Myers	SportsNite (CC)	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live) (CC)	SportsNite (Live) (CC)	SportsNite (Live) (CC)	SportsNite (Live) (CC)	AFL Weekly	AFL Weekly	Best-Sports	Best-Sports	Best-Sports
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now (CC)	Larry King Live (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)
FNC	Special Report (Live) (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (CC)	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (CC)	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor					
MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball (CC)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct	Scarborough Country	The Situation With Tucker Carlson					
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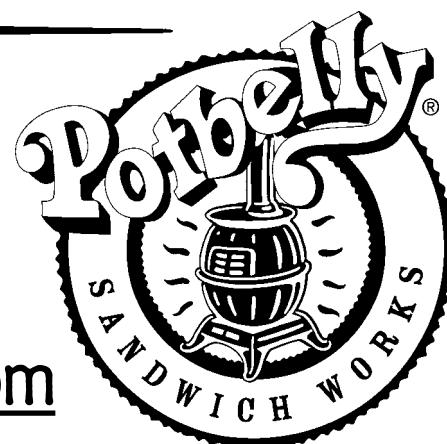
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Health

Teaching kids how to eat healthy takes a helping of laughter

With a tennis ball and a yo-yo as props, first-grade teacher Kristy Brooks helped her class understand what a healthy portion of potato looks like.

"About how many yo-yos do you think would fit on this potato?" she asked, and the children quickly measured the large brown baking potatoes on their desks against a yo-yo.

Brooks — dressed as lettuce for her school's "nutrition week" — is using such tips from a new state booklet on food portions to help her make the point. About 1.5 million students in grades 1-4 will get the booklets this spring in Texas' attempt to help them sort out proper portion size in a world of supersized everything.

"To get a change in lifestyle, you've got to start young," said Beverly Boyd, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Agriculture, which has been trying to make school lunches healthier.

More than twice as many chil-

“I think people will be really shocked because people are used to eating portions that are so much bigger.”

MARION NESTLE
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

dren and almost three times as many teens are overweight now compared to 1980, according to the American Heart Association. Government figures suggest more than a third of American children are overweight.

Being fat increases the risk for health problems including diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, high cholesterol and future heart disease.

Brooks explained to her class that a half-cup of vegetables or vegetable juice is equal to one vegetable serving, about the size of a yo-yo. And a cup of leafy green vegetables is equal to one serving, about the size of a tennis ball.

Teaching young children portion sizes should be eye-opening for them, said Marion Nestle, a

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LETTUCE LEARN: Teacher Kristy Brooks teaches her first-graders healthy eating

of nutrition at Tufts University.

"I think people will be really shocked when they see this because people are used to eating portions that are so much bigger," Nestle said.

"I don't think portions and serving size have ever been explained to them," said Brooks, in her green dress and tissue headdress for her role as lettuce.

The kids tested out their new knowledge with snacks of sweet potatoes and carrots with salad dressing. Brooks told the students that 12 baby carrots count for two servings from the vegetable group, a tip that can be found in the booklet, available in both English and Spanish.

Students are often surprised to learn correct portions, said Janie Peek, who works for the Texas Cooperative Extension service in West Texas and has used the booklets at schools she's visited in her region.

They'll often discover, for instance, that they are eating two to three times the intended serving size for breakfast cereal, she said.

Elizabeth Schaub, dietitian and diabetes educator with Baylor Regional Medical Center in the Dallas suburb of Plano, says "there definitely is portion distortion."

"I spend 90 percent of my day talking about portions," said Schaub, who said that in the last 20 years food servings have grown enormously. JAMIE STENGLE (AP)

Serving Up Fun

professor of nutrition at New York University.

"The kids are going to go home and say, 'You just served me five portions,'" said Nestle, author of the

upcoming book "What to Eat."

Comparisons to everyday objects should help drive the point home better than referring to a "serving," said Alice Lichtenstein, a professor

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April Flowers

When flowers begin blooming, so does the crop of spring and summer fragrances. There's an emphasis this year on fruity floral perfumes — perfect for warm weather, when the last thing you want is a heavy scent. Many of spring's best new scents are lighter, brighter versions of classics, so your favorite may just have gotten better. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)



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Beauty

Paint on Your Tan

ALMAY'S BARE-IT ALL LEGS (in four colors, \$10, drugstores) resurfaces leg makeup, a relic of World War II-era silk and nylon shortages. Though the nozzled can suggests breezy aerosol application, one must spray the frothy, vile-looking liquid onto one's hand first, then apply like lotion. It's difficult to blend the paint-like substance, though once it dried it neither transferred onto clothing nor gave off any scent. Like foundation, more layers didn't make it darker, just more opaque, which helped camouflage veins and freckles on pasty-white legs. The result looked natural from a distance, but strangely matte up close. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)



Beauty

Stick It To the Sun

To truly test the **SUN CONTROL STICK ULTRA PROTECTION** from Clarins (\$25), this tester took it to Mexico, meaning her vacation was for business and is therefore tax-deductible. Anyway, the solid, SPF 30 sunscreen is meant to be applied on lips, nose and ears. It's not greasy, and the lanyard keeps it handy while frolicking (in a business-like manner) on the beach. The question remains whether it's really necessary: Regular liquid sunscreen protected these "special zones" just as well. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)





Poetry

Robert Pinsky

ROBERT PINSKY, the U.S. Poet Laureate between 1997 and 2000 featured Sunday in Book World's annual Poet's Choice issue, was online Tuesday to discuss poetry in today's world. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

In your opinion, what makes a poem a good poem? Of all the good poetry out there, what are the characteristics of a truly sublime poem?

If I say Dickinson's "Further in Summer Than the Birds" or Williams' "Fine Work with Pitch and Copper" or Keats' "To Autumn" over to myself, even in a muttered undertone, I feel inhabited by a great work of art. It's a physical sensation, the play of the consonants and vowels and sentence-shapes, as well as an emotional and intellectual sensation.

They are certainly different art forms, but do you listen to much popular music? Are there any song-writers that strike you as writing lyrics that could stand on their own as great poetry?

By definition, good song lyrics are meant to go with music. Cole Porter, Bob Dylan, Mitchell Parrish, etc. — the words are meant to be sung. The defining thing about poetry, for me, is that the words sound wonderful, the "music" is there, in any reader's actual or imagined voice. There are some sixteenth century poems — in John Dowland's "Book of Airs," for instance, or by Campion — that also sound great with tunes.

In your opinion, how does Shakespeare rate as a poet?

He is a great, great poet in the plays and in certain of the sonnets — as great as they get — and parts of sonnets ... but the sonnets are a bit over-rated. Ben Jonson's elegy on him is a shrewd, great poem.

Any thoughts on interpreting poetry?

Read it aloud several times, attending to the sounds of the words and sentences, only very gradually, on the fifth or sixth reading, beginning to think about

"interpretation."

I have recently started writing a lot of different kinds of poems. Do you have any advice for young poets still looking for "their" style?

Find something you love to read and get it by heart. Try to increase the list of things you love. Poems, poets, but also writing of every kind, film, music, etc. Learn from art.

What criteria do you use to select the weekly poem for Slate? Also, do you ever monitor the comments made on Slate's "Poetry Forum"

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ROBERT PINSKY
FORMER U.S. POET LAUREATE, ON
DEVELOPING ONE'S OWN POETIC STYLE

about your selections — and are you ever tempted to "enter the 'Fray"?

I check the "Fray" on Slate every few weeks, and there are often very thoughtful, interesting letters and poems there. Also, some rudeness by posters to one another and to the poets published in Slate — pretty clearly, sometimes, written by someone whose poems have been rejected.

How do you feel about the usage of metaphor in poetry?

It's sugar.

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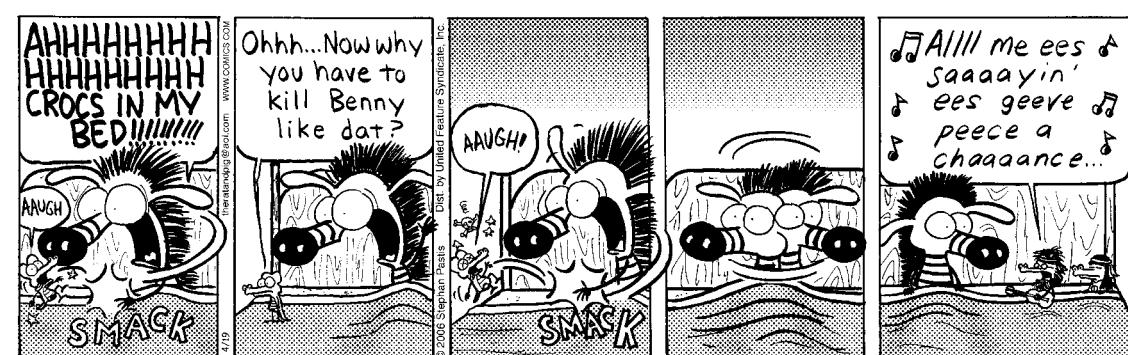
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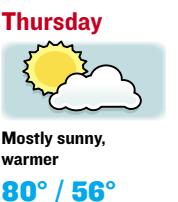
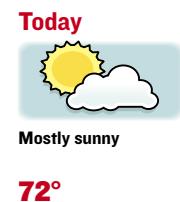
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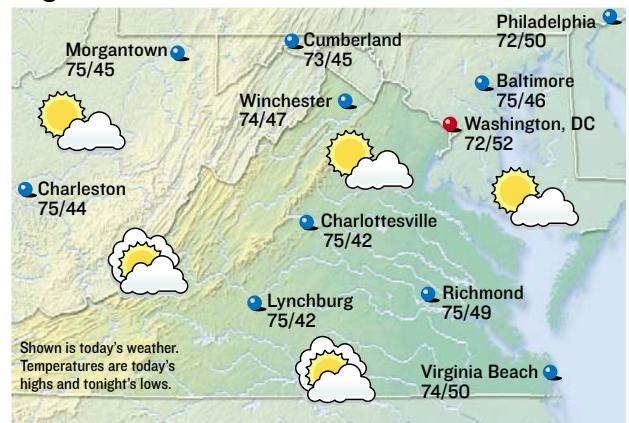


DON'T be prejudiced against subtitles. You'll miss some great flicks and it's not like you won't get used to them. Keep that in mind when checking out FilmfestDC (filmfestdc.org), which kicks off Wednesday and runs until April 30. For the less adventurous, there are American films, too.

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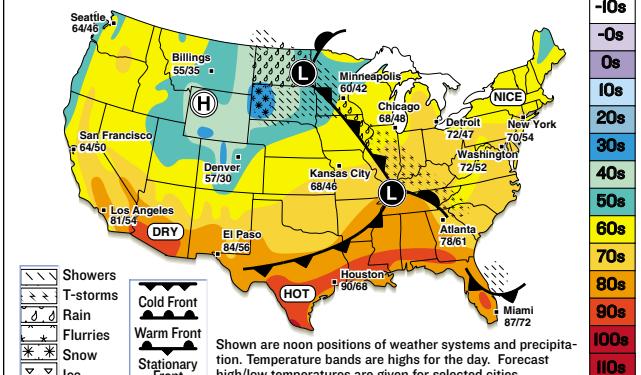
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Chicago	68/48/c	68/43/c	Berlin	57/43/pc	61/46/c
Dallas	78/57/pc	79/61/pc	Buenos Aires	75/59/s	67/48/t
Denver	57/30/s	64/36/s	Calgary	60/36/s	61/36/pc
Honolulu	83/70/s	83/69/s	Dublin	55/43/sh	52/39/r
Los Angeles	81/54/s	73/56/s	Geneva	63/45/pc	59/44/pc
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll feel a little more pressure to meet another's expectations. You can do it—but it may not be as satisfying as you might think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Focus more on those things that satisfy your head, rather than your heart. It's important to show others you can think things through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The good and the bad will both be valuable to you. Focus on what makes you tick and what inspires you to achieve more than usual.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's no room for teasing of any kind. Someone close to you is in need of positive support, and doesn't need any insincerity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can establish a surprising and highly profitable rapport with someone who seems quite incompatible—like a Cancer native?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can't please everyone, so it's best to start with yourself. You can bet that friends and family will support you from the start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to promise something to a friend or family member that you've been reluctant to offer in the past. It's a new day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your connection with someone who is more established will surely enable you to advance with greater ease. Don't be too cocky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A special event is just around the corner, and

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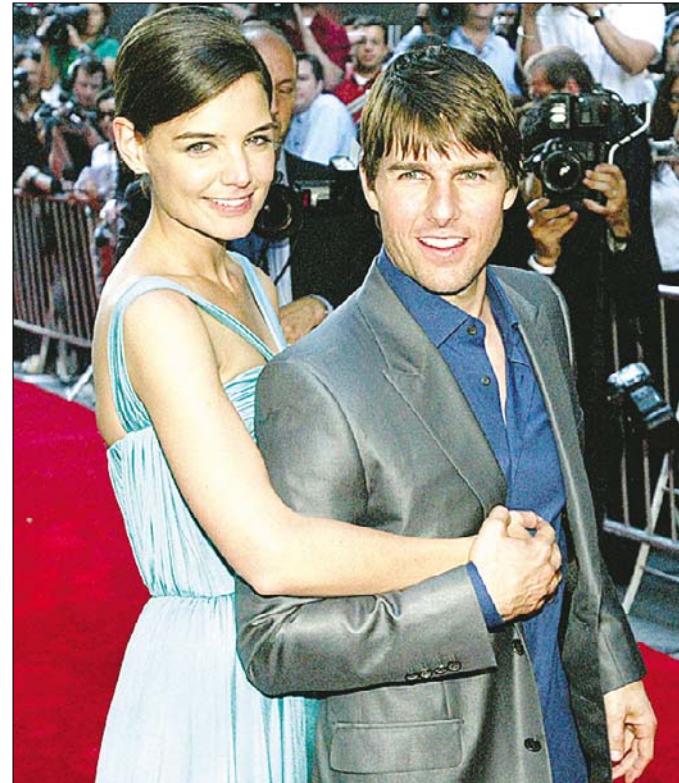
Happy Baby Smiling Love

MELISSA ETHERIDGE's partner, TAMMY LYNN MICHAELS, is pregnant with twins. "We are thrilled to announce that Tammy is pregnant, and expecting our twins sometime around this fall," they said. "To answer the obvious question: We used an anonymous donor from a [sperm] bank." (AP)

CLOSE CALLS

The World Was Saved From Worse Than Sin This Easter

COLIN FARRELL and ex-girlfriend Nicole Narain have resolved their dispute over the sex tape they made together. The tape will now not be made public and the terms of the settlement are confidential. Lawyers for both parties settled the matter after hours of negotiations on Easter Sunday, according to the New York Daily News. (EXPRESS)



SILENT BIRTH

To Horror of All, Baby Born Crying

KATIE HOLMES gave birth to a girl in Los Angeles Tuesday, said TOM CRUISE's spokesman. The baby, named Suri, weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long. The name Suri has its origins in Hebrew, meaning "princess," or in Persian, meaning "red rose." (AP)



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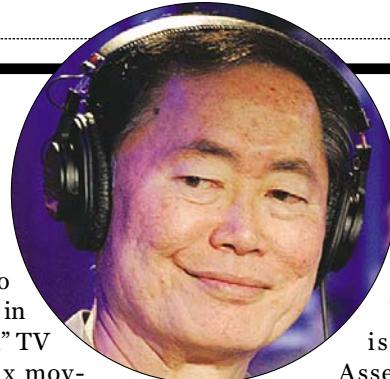
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Mr. Sulu Violates The Prime Directive

GEORGE TAKEI, who played Mr. Sulu in three "Star Trek" TV seasons and six movies, made a surprise appearance Monday after the Soulforce Equality Riders tried to talk about faith and gay rights with students



The protesters were interfering with primitives.

at Minneapolis' North Central University, which is owned by the Assemblies of God.

The 68-year-old actor said the activists' "equality trek" shares themes with those of the Starship Enterprise. (AP)



he was lured into Jackson's limousine during the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans and held for nine days, during which he was both sexually and physically assaulted. (AP)

REPRESSION

You'll Remember This Item With Horror in 2026

A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by a man who claimed MICHAEL JACKSON molested him more than 20 years ago. The alleged victim said he repressed the memory until 2003. Joseph Bartucci Jr. said



The bottom has officially fallen out of the dead celebrity real-estate market. (AP)

REAL ESTATE

Hey, in D.C. You Could Buy Half a Studio for That Price

The first home ELVIS PRESLEY owned, a ranch-style house in Memphis he bought in 1956 as his career was taking off with "Heartbreak Hotel," is for sale online. The modest, four-bedroom house was posted on eBay Friday. As of Tuesday morning, the lone bid was for \$100,000 by Elvis Unlimited, an organization that operates an Elvis museum and shop in Randers, Denmark. (AP)



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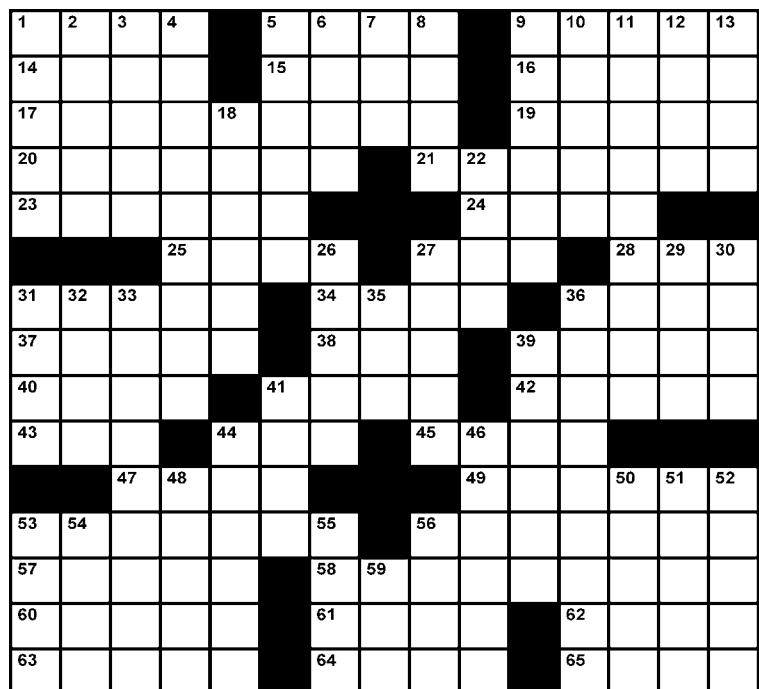
ACROSS

1 Sphere start
5 Part of a blind
9 Enemy of the
mongoose
14 ___ even keel
15 Certain
conservative
16 Form of
communication
17 Winter Olympics
site, 1976
19 Make scrimshaw
20 Emulated a
surgeon
21 Displays clearly
23 Ornamental
coronets
24 Nastase of
tennis fame
25 Main point
27 ___ de bourree
28 Redolent
neckwear
31 Edith Evans and
Edith Sitwell
34 Fling with force
36 Sources of
delight
37 Papas from
Greece
38 Jackie's second
39 Word with
instrument or
control
40 Deposit at the
mouth of a river
41 Raft traveler of
note
42 Without ___ in
the world
43 Stand on the
corner?
44 Family member,
for short
45 It may be plain
or sweet

47 Glacial ridges
49 Joke that causes
a belly laugh, e.g.
53 Adjoined
56 Tangible
57 Fret
58 Summer
Olympics site, 1928
60 Hardly the
gregarious type
61 Reza Pahlavi,
e.g.
62 Cumulus lead-in
63 Word in a
Hitchcock title
64 Romanian round
dance
65 Emulate Niobe

DOWN

1 Use a block and
tackle, e.g.
2 Cause of many
yawns
3 Skate kin
4 Rebel
5 Put emphasis on
6 Gimcrack
7 Rainbow shape
8 Little one
9 Fielder and
Cooper of baseball
10 Subject of a
Mideast sultan,
perhaps
11 Summer
Olympics site, 1992
12 Split
13 Brown brews,
perhaps
18 Cook slowly in a
covered pot
22 Druggist's
container
26 Anatole France
novel made into an
opera

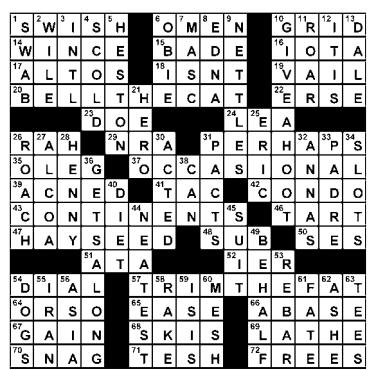


27 Fine item?
29 Beholder
30 Bali or Elba, e.g.
31 Victrola record,
e.g.
32 Presentation by
Carreras
33 Summer
Olympics site, 1956
35 Samovar, e.g.
36 Stick in pick-up-
sticks
39 It's fit for a king
41 Conflagration
44 Dionysian
revelers
46 First name in

whodunits

48 Throat
bacterium, for
short
50 Move somewhat
furtively
51 Make rhapsodic
52 Clean up
another spill, in
a way
53 They're boring
when effective
54 Worst thing to
get on the job
55 Hyphen kin
56 Nicholas II, e.g.
59 Electrical unit

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1775 The American Revolution-
ary War began with the
battles of Lexington and Concord.

1933 The United States went off
the gold standard.

1951 Gen. Douglas MacArthur,
relieved of his command by
President Truman, bid farewell to Congress,
quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

1993 The 51-day siege at the
Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire
destroyed the structure after federal
agents began smashing their way in;
dozens of people were killed.

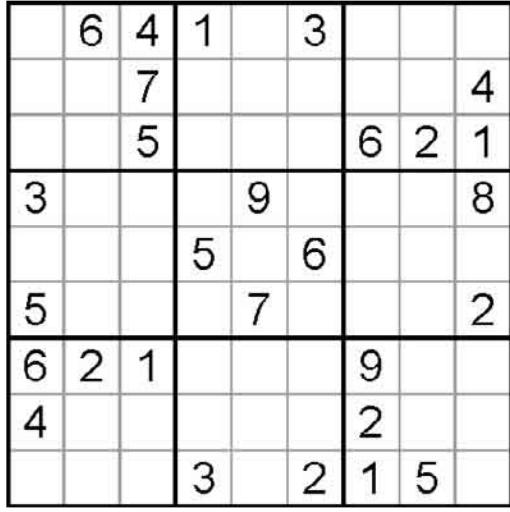
1995 A truck bomb destroyed
the Alfred P. Murrah
Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing
168 people and injuring hundreds.

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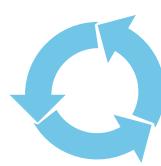
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